Therefore, I want to submit one thing. Sir, just now the hon. Minister has entered the House. He will live for hundred years. I was just to tell about him and he entered the House.

I am very happy that he is taking very much interest on industrialisation. I really want to compliment him that big changes have been brought about by the Industries Minister I request him that he must now concentrate on small-scale industrialisation also. Some effort should be made to find out as to what are the teething problems, the problems of red-tapism and other day-to-day problems. If Shri Murasoli Maran thinks about it, it is not impossible.

18.00 hrs

I hope that the present Government will accelerate the philosophy which was started by our previous Government. I have already told that the tree has come up and all of us must enjoy the fruit and uneployment should be curbed.

Lastly, even though population is not a concerned point, but it has got an inseparable connection with this problem of unemployment also. It is not that our country is not achieving prosperity since independence We have been achieving it

MR. SPEAKER Your time is over

DR T. SUBBARAMI REDDY . Lastly, I support the Resolution to provide the financial assistance and acceleration to existing small industries, to set up new small-scale industries and to provide them necessary infrastructural facilities like loan, electricity, marketing etc and reserve certain areas of production for them Finally, I would say though this point is not there, to solve the problem of unemployment, population should also be controlled...*(Interruptions)*

DR RAM CHANDRA DOME (Birbhum) . Would you give chance to others also?

MR. SPEAKER : It will continue.

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY . Sir, for my third Resolution, will I get a chance next day?

MR. SPEAKER : It will continue later on

18.01 hrs.

STATUTORY RESOLUTION RE:CONTINUANCE OF PROCLAMATION BY PRESIDENT IN RELATION TO THE STATE OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR- CONTD.

MR. SPEAKER : We will now resume the discussion on Statutory Resolution in respect of Jammu and Kashmir to extend the President's rule for a further period of six months with effect from 18th July, 1996.

Shri Chaman Lal Gupta will resume his speech.

[Translation]

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA (Udhampur) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I had riesen to support this resolution and had also said that I was supporting it because the situation was not normal there at present. Besides, I was giving an example that when the Prime Minister went there, a total Bandh was observed, though the Prime Minister went there to take stock of the floods and to provide some financial assistance....*(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please maintain order in the House. Mr. Reddy you have made a good speech; do not spoil it.

[Translation]

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : My submission is that keeping in view the situation prevailing in Doda, Army should not have been withdrawn from there. Last time also, you had given an order that Army should not be withdrawn from there but after elections Army was withdrawn as a result of which today, 4-5 murders are taking place there everyday Militants want to create an atmosphere of terror there. Militants slay people with a knife saying that they do not want to waste even a single bullet to kill them. They have created a rein of terror there Our security forces have also been deployed there You have also deployed Rashtriya Rifles, BSF and CRPF there alongwith the local police but there is no coordination among them I was giving an example that a file is held up in the Prime Minister's Office for deciding which of the two is superior the Rashtriya Rifles or the BSF The BSF people do not want to work under the command of Rashtriya Rifles On the other hand Rashtriya Rifles personnel say that they are from Army and so nobody can dictate them Such type of confusion is prevailing there I gave an example that the militants fled after killing 15 people in Varshala and their dead bodies were lying there for about ten hours Though, BSF post is only one kilometre and Rashtriya Rifles post is quarter to one kilometre away from there but none of them is ready to be accountable for that Both of them are passing responsiblity on one another for this incident I would like to submit that the Government should establish its authority As I said earlier also that today Delhi Government is running the state, there should not be so much of confusion there. About 60 officers there

went to Pakistan for training and returned back to the country. They were arrested and were kept in the jail. But it is very surprising that they continued to get their salaries for about one and a half year. When they were dismissed by the Govennor, so much of hue and cry was made. Consequently, a committee was constituted but it could not give its findings although a period of one and a half year has since been elapsed. Orders for their dismissal had been issued but could not be implemented. Here, a reference to elections was made. Elections were held properly and rightly so. As many as 11,000 employees from U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Delhi were sent there for holding elections in addition to more than two lakh Army personnel who were deployed there. For how long can you run administration like this? Now, very soon Amarnath Yatra is going to take place and you are going to deploy Army for this purpose. You don't have any control on the employees.

Mr. Speaker, Sir, we have a common border with Pakistan. In 1971, our forces had occupied more than one third of Pakistan and had arrested its 93,000 soldiers. But they were later released because it is an international border and we cannot do anything on this border. In 1971, we dug a ditch all along the border systematically. After completing fencing work in Punjab, we decided to carry it out in Kashmir also. As soon as we started fencing, Pakistani soldiers started firing. When the Union Government was contacted in this regard, we were told to carry on fencing work moving back 500 yards from the border line. But when we moved back 500 yards and restarted fencing, Pakistanis again started firing. They had asked to abandon fencing. Pakistan does not allow us to carry out fencing on international border and we do not carry out. Even today infiltration is continuing. People enter the country from across the border with money and ammunition. Drug peddling is going on. I would like to submit that our Government should establish its authority.

The Government should establish its authority, as today authority of Indian Government has been eroded there. Shri Jagmohan has also mentioned that bureaucracy should be restructured. Today several people in Government machinery encourage and support militancy there. They work for them. The Government should establish its authority there so that existence of the Government of India should be there actually.

The most unfortunate aspect of this problem is that Pakistan has been fighting this war on our land. It has fought several wars with India like the war of 1947, 1965 and 1971 and has been defeated every time. Our army knocked it down every time. In comparison to all these three wars, our country has suffered a huge loss in this proxy war. More than 5000 security personnel have been killed and a large number of them have been rendered handicapped. Around 30 thousand persons have been killed and 4 lakh have been rendered homeless. Thousands of houses, shops and around three thousand school and college buildings have been burnt to ashes. You should know that such a deplorable condition is prevailing there. It has been said time and again that there is need to win the confidence of people of Kashmir. There should be no doubt in it that Kashmiris are Indian, they were Indian and will remain Indian.

As I have mentioned earlier also that we defeated Pakistan badly in 1947, 1965 and 1971. What has happened in Kashmir today reveals our failure. Pakistan and ISI would create disturbances as they do not like Kashmir to remain with India. We have provided a corrupt Government there. My friends from Congress Party are also sitting here they are responsible for creating such problems in J&K. If we go through the history right from 1947 till date, we come to know about the cases of bungling took place in Kashmir. During 1947 to 1953, Sheikh Abdullah was encouraged by your party and Article 370 was framed for them. A separate Constitution was framed for them. In 1953, he has imprisoned and in 1975 he became hero when he was released. The same thing happened to Farooq Abdullah and G.M. Shah. A confusion has been created in Kashmir since long. So there is need to go into the root of the problem of Kashmir. As I have mentioned earlier also, this problem is being originated from Rawalpindi by ISI. I would like to remind that a unanimous Resolution was passed in this House which says that what remains to be done regarding Kashmir problem is merger of Pakistan occupied Kashmir into India. Today, the number of training camps are functioning in Doda and not in Pak-occupied Kashmir for imparting training to terrorists. I have brought this point in the notice of the Governor and now I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the new camps running in Doda district for training the terrorists. Recently two boys fled from such a camp one of them is Shakil who has surrendered at Udhampur. One of them told that about 80 persons are being imparted training in one camp and 150 in another. You can very well imagine about the real situation of Kashmir by this that Pakistanis are training our people on our land to fight against our Government. Where is our Government today? I would like to make two more points.

[English]

The Government must establish its authority in Jammu and Kashmir.

[Translation]

The second point is that militants are fighting this war on our land by our hard earned money. Crores of rupees are sent to Kashmir and D.C. and other subordinate officers call militant leaders to seek their opinion about various projects and negotiate with militant contractors on these issues. Thus developmental works have come to a standstill. Recently a case has come to the notice of the Government that D.C. of Anantnag had withdrawn Rs. 9 crores. So far no action has been taken against him. It has been told today that Rs. 27 crores have been allocated for rural development in Doda district but if you go there, you will find that not a single penny has been spent there. All the funds are given to militants and they misuse it for buying arms. It is my humble submission that the Government should establish its authority and make proper utilisation of hard earned money of the Government of India. Hon'ble Governor of Kashmir Gen. K.V. Krishna Rao himself has said that so far Rs. one lakh crores have been spent on Kashmir, and Shri Jagmohanji in his book has mentioned this amount as Rs 80 thousand crores. Now the Government should check that our hard earned money should not be misused for creating militancy.

The third point is that there is need for fencing border. Absence of which has rendered thousands of acres of cultivable land unutilised Farmers cannot plough and cultivate it and they are unable to harvest their corps. We have to make some arrangements for it. A Parliamentary Committee should be constituted to inquire into the matter as to how our funds are being spent. Instead of taking these steps, only a minister visits, makes some speech and expresses view of the Government on T V This cannot solve the Kashmir problem During this extended period of President's Rule, the authority of the Government should be established to ensure the functioning of Secretariat of Kashmir in accordance with the policy of the Indian Government A big portion of cultivable land is lying unutilised due to firing by Pakistan every now and then We should adopt some measures to stop that

Mr Speaker, Sir, while concluding, I would like to make one more point. Around 4 lakh migrants have been rendered homeless by this militancy You are talking about elections During last elections 97 000 migrants were registered and out of them only 23,000 could cast their votes You can imagine the future of democracy in a State where voters are deprived of their right to cast vote Hon'ble Prime Minister has given assurance that voter lists would be rectified. How a list of 82,000 voters could be rectified within a period of one month. You have extended voting right to those who have attained the age of 18 years after 1990. How a person can cast his vote when his name is not included in voters' list. Therefore, I would like to make a submission that proper decision should be taken about the migrants' right to vote.

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Please conclude now.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR (Mumbai North-West) : Sir, the matter is a very serious one. Let him speak.

MR. SPEAKER : Do you also want to speak? Your name is here.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Till what time you want to sit? We have exceeded the time already allotted for this debate It is not that I am saying it just like that from the chair

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : But the matter is a very serious one.

[Translation]

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA : I would like to say that the persons who have been rendered homeless are running from one place to another. Some are in Delhi at present and some are in Jammu The Government is not making any arrangements for them We also wish that free and fair elections should be held in Kashmir as is being mentioned by the Government How the discrimination done to Jammu will be removed? At present, there are more than 60 000 voters in Jammu Constituency whereas in Kashmir valley the number is still stagnant at 40,000. How free and fair elections would be held if the migrants and also the young people who have attained the age of 18 years, do not cast their votes. You have to first fulfill these pre-conditions before discussing the issue of elections. There is no difference in the opinion on the issue that elections are to be held

[English]

Elections are the heartbeat of democracy

[Translation]

Every person knows that but elections should be free and fair I would like to make a submission that one of the reasons for the insurgency going on in Kashmir is stated to relections of 1987 You will alienate Kashmir from the rest of India if you hold that type of elections again Kashmir has made scarifices for the country India has also spent a huge amount of funds on Kashmir Kashmir belongs

to India and I would like to say that arrangements should be made in such a way so that Kashmir always remains a part of the country.

(English]

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (Berhampore): Mr. Speaker, Sir, Thank you for the opportunity given to me to express our views on the Statutory Resolution for extension of the President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir. On behalf of my Party, RSP, I rise to accord approval to this Resolution under constitutional compulsion.

Sir, the imposition of the President's Rule under Article 356 or its continuation for an indefinite period in that State is not the solution to the basic problems of that State. The President's Rule in a State is not a good sign of democracy. This is not a good sign of the federal structure of the Indian Constitution. So we have to go deeper into the process of the solution of the basic problems of the State

Sir, it is my opinion that the basic problem here in Kashmir is to preserve the dignity of Kashmir and to preserve the sovereignty of India as a whole. Both these things, preservation of dignity of Kashmir and the preservation of the sovereignty of the country as a whole, should be taken into consideration while attempting to solve the basic problems of the State The situation is so grave that it demands immediate restoration of the political process in the State But the restoration of the political process does not imply holding of the Lok Sabha elections or holding of the Assembly elections only under the guardianship of the security forces in a bureaucratic manner.

To restore political process means to restore the political activity at all levels for bringing forth the positive enthusiasm, the positive faith and confidence among the people of Kashmir towards the political culture of Indian Constitution For this purpose, it is my suggestion that more autonomy should be given to the people of Kashmir within the constitutional framework of India.

Autonomy, as granted for Gorkha Hill Council in West Bengal or the autonomy for Jharkhand Autonomous Council in Bihar, cannot be the same autonomy as demanded by the people of Kashmir What type of autonomy can be given to the people of Kashmir should be settled in this House very carefully

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA We, two Members from Jammu, have opposed the autonomy Who is demanding autonomy?

MR. SPEAKER : You had your chance. Have patience to listen.

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (W.B.) I can again repeat my sentence with your kind permission. I have explained what type of autonomy can be given to the people of Kashmir should be settled in this House very carefully Autonomy is the beginning of the restoration of political process At the time of Kashmir's accession to India an assurance was given to the people of Kashmir by the then Central Government, that full autonomy within the constitutional framework of India would be given to the people of Kashmir and the assurance was given that the distinct indentity of the people of Kashmir would be protected

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL (Ernakulam) Yes Government of India gave it on 26th November Who gave it?

MR. SPEAKER : Don't put questions.

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (W.B.) Let me finish my point please Distinct identity would be protected and an assurance was also given that the tradition of the Kashmiri people would be honoured Article 370 of our Indian Constitution is the sum total, the embodiment, of this assurance given to the people of Kashmir by the then Central Govenment at that time

So, I appeal to the Government through you, that we should consider the extent of autonomy to be given to the people of Kashmir as a step towards the restoration of political process in that State.

Restoration of political process is very easy to say but it is very difficult to perform Restoration of political process is impossible without the restoration of economic activity Economic activity does not imply the sanction of Central assistance to the people of Kashmir in their Kashmir Budget Economic activity does not imply the sanction of dry doles to the people of Kashmir Immediate steps should be taken to rejuvenate the economic activities in respect of tourism, social forestry and other fields They do not want that a little amount of money should be given to them from the Central fund Actually, the economic process should be rejuvenated now and here This is only to start the political process. It is very unfortunate for me and for everybody to remind that the beautiful girls and boys of Kashmir were misguided. They were misguided not of their own choice They were misguided by the mishandling of the situation by the Central Government at that time It is very painful to remember that the Central Government, that is the Congress Government at that time, imposed President's rule in Kashmir As a result, the State Government of Kashmir was dismissed.

The Prime Minister-designate, Shri Sheik Abdullah, was sentenced to imprisonment for a long time. That was the beginning for the people of Kashmir to think that they were losing their dignity; they were losing their political status and they were losing their constitutional rights. So, their sentiments began to be wounded. I speak of the sentimental wounds of the Kashmir people because I believe that the sentimental attachment is the root of social integration and national integration. If the people of a particular State are emotionally detached, then they will be compelled to be disintegrated from the mainstream of the Indian society and those things have already happened in the case of Kashmir. So, we should adopt positive measures, the measures for building the confidence to get back the broken heart of the people of Kashmir to the mainstream of the Indian society.

Nobody wants terrorism. But terrorism is a fact in Kashmir today. Why did the beautiful children of Kashmir become terrorists? Is it their fault? The misrule of the Congress for the last thirty or forty years has made them choose the path of terrorism and extremism.

MR. SPEAKER : You have two minutes for your Party but you have taken 12 minutes. Please conclude.

SHRI PRAMOTHES MUKHERJEE (W.B.) : Please allow me to continue for two minutes. The point is that the Pakistan-sponsored terrorism in Kashmir to destabilize our country is a fact. But Pakistan is also perturbed in its own politics today. We are aware of the aftermath of the MQM in Karachi and the torture and atrocities let loose on them by the Pakistan Administration, and as a result, Pakistan today is compelled, due to its internal politics, to change its attitude of sponsoring terrorism in Kashmir. They have let loose the State machinery on the people. Even today, the people who are bent upon terrorism have begun to think about the restoration of peace and tranquillity in that State. The people of Kashmir want peace and tranquillity. They are alienated from the threat of security forces. They are also alienated from the threat of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism. They are alienated from all those bad influences. They want peace. They want tranquillity. They want progress. They want to earn their livelihood. This is the situation. So, the scenario today has radically changed from what it was five years ago. This change is to be kept in our mind today. This is the situation. The situation is ripe for political interference and the Central Government should take positive steps. So, it is high time to start the political process and also to get back the migrants to their own homeland. You also think of them. Therefore, I appeal to the hon. Prime Minister and to the Central Government to take positive steps for the restoration of political process, economic activity and for the restoration of peace and tranquillity.

With these few words, I accord my approval to this Resolution.

MR. SPEAKER : Thank you very much for your cooperation.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : Sir, the hon. Member has made a factually incorrect statement. He has said that an assurance was given by the then Central Government to the people of Kashmir that they would be given full autonomy. No such assurance was given. If this goes on record, it will give a wrong signal to the militants. They will get a chance to quote the proceedings of the House to drive home their own point. So, it should not form part of the record. Kindly expunge that remark.

MR. SPEAKER : I think the Government will reply to that.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : Sir, hon. Prime Minister has moved the Statutory Resolution in respect of extension of the President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir. This deliberation has been going on for the last two, three days, since the last day is 17th of July, it is necessary to complete this deliberation by today only so as to refer this Bill to the Rajya Sabha. We understand the seriousness of this entire situation. The time allotted for this discussion, considering the seriousness of this particular problem of this country, is according to me, inadequate.

The representatives, MPs from Jammu and Kashmir have also placed before this august House their grievances. Most of them said that they did not wish to have any more autonomy. Whatever has been granted is enough. The most surprising thing is that the people who have not visited Kashmir and Jammu, those who have not seen the plight of those who are staying in Jammu and Kashmir, they are suggesting to give more and more autonomy, more facility to see that some of the problem is resolved. A person like me always think of the situation. Is it a political wisdom of our country that we have not been able to solve a single problem of Jammu and Kashmir for the last fifty years? Actually who is responsible or instrumental for creating this problem? We must go into the root of the cause and find out the remedy. We will have to see and answer to that also. I am not going to elaborate the entire issue. I know the time is limited. But I would like to ask certain points from the Prime Minister. But unluckily, the Prime Minister is not here in the House even when such a serious discussion is taking place. And the Home Minister is

also not here. He is supposed to look after the day-to-day grievances pertaining to Jammu and Kashmir issue. How may resolutions were passed during the last fifty years? What were the facilities given and what is the total cost of all these things? From where are we spending this money and for what? We must think about that also very carefully. How many jawans were killed in two wars during the last fifty years? How many police personnel were killed? How many innocent citizens were killed both in Jammu and Kashmir irrespective of caste and creed? If you try to calculate those figures, you will come to know that basically our Indian Government is responsible for all these killings only because they have no courage to take a final decision in the matter this way or that way. What we are doing or trying to do is appeasement after appeasement trying to please the people and find out the remedy. There is nothing wrong in that also. But how long? That is the only question. I would like to ask to the Prime Minister Shri Deve Gowda, our hon Prime Minister has visited Jammu and Kashmir At least that much courage Shri Deve Gowda has shown Otherwise, the unfortunate part is, during the last six or seven years, not a single Prime Minister have visited that place to look into the day-to-day grievances of Jammu and Kashmir Our Prime Minister has gone there But I really fail to understand as to how in one visit, he is able to jump to the conclusion to say that this is the proper time when we can hold the elections in Jammu and Kashmir in one round Who has furnished or who has rendered this information to the Prime Minister?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M IBRAHIM) Mr Speaker Sir, just now I was observing Shri Sharma's speech also I will congratulate all the parties - National Conference, Congress, BJP, Janata Dal, CPI, CPM, Panthers Party - because for the first time everybody has come to an understanding and unanimously they took that we must have the elections in Jammu & Kashmir This is number one

Number two, I will congratulate the political parties of Jammu and Kashmir as unanimously in one voice they said, "Kashmir is the integral part of India, India is in Kashmir, Kashmir is in India Whatever issues are there, we will settle ourselves, we do not want other's guidance." This is the biggest achievement

Even the hon prime Minister has convened a meeting of all political leaders - I think you were also present in that meeting

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR I am coming to that

SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM There also we have agreed that as early as possible we should have an election and that too they have indicated the time also.

As far as the voters' list is concerned, Mr. Speaker, Sir, the State Election Commission before all the parties have said that they have already two lakh forms Still the forms are necessary because even if an eligible boy is there, there is no time to go to house and house for lamination All political parties have agreed for that And two lakh forms have not come and only 12 000 have been registered This is as per the information we have got Still I will request on behalf of the Government o Sharmaji and all other parties that if—

[Translation]

Not only two lakh but we are ready to provide four lakh forms if required You can take that This will increase the number of voters in voters list We intend to hold peaceful elections there

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA (Jammu) Sufficient number of forms are available there with the Returning Officer and there is no need to take them from anyone else

[English]

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN The migrants are not there They have come to Delhi They are outside Jammu and Kashmir Unless you give those powers to them *(Interruptions)* Sir, he is telling about the voters' list There are migrants in Delhi

MR SPEAKER No, no, you cannot go and argue like this

(Interruptions)

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN How can they go to Srinagar and fill the forms?...*(Interruptions)*

MR SPEAKER It is going to be 6.35 p.m

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR My learned friend the hon Minister intervened in the matter in my speech It is a good thing that he has given the valuable information

MR SPEAKER Anyway I will minus that time

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR But am aware of these developments *(Interruptions)*

SHRI C M IBRAHIM Because you happen to be my good friend that is why I have given this information *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR The basic reason is that only.

What I wanted to point out is in one visit of Mr Deve Gowda, he has taken an all party meeting He has consulted [illegible]

My only simple question is this. As our MP has rightly said about the present situation, what are the developments taking place in Jammu and Kashmir today. Even today he has just pointed out in his speech that extremist are coming here and killing the innocent persons and our Rashtriya Rifles and BSF Jawans are not there. No one there supported the interests of the local people, and innocent persons have been killed. This is a couple of day's old story which he was narrating.

I have no grudge against the Kashmiri people at all. My only grudge is against the extremists who are entering into our country from across the border. What is the plight of our life? Mr. Sharma was telling that hundreds of acres land have been grabbed away and we cannot just cultivate them. This is the problem and in view of this problem, it is necessary that we should have election, there is no two opinion about it. In the meeting itself I said, it is necessary to have election because the democratic process should start But at the same time it should be the determination of the Government that would see it in action. What should be the determination of the Government? The first thing is that corruption will not take place and it would be stopped at any cost What is going on in J&K today? Whatever you may be spending here, but what is the revenue that we get from J&K? What is the amount that this country has been spending over J&K; since when and for how long? Are we not going to make them self-sufficient? In the absence of peace nothing is *impossible*; you cannot start any industry, you cannot start any business; you cannot give them any alternative jobs and other things. From where would you bring peace? For the purpose bringing peace to the State it is not advisable to have a dialogue with the extremists What we are doing in the country today is that those who are killing the people are being called here and we are having a dialogue with these people. Those who are having AK 56 and other guns and sophisticated weapons in their hands are being invited for a dialogue on peace. On the one hand they are having guns and on the other hand we are requesting them 'for God's sake please do not use those guns and sophisticated weapons, please save us and have some peace'. This is the theory. I do not know from where this entire theory was brough to bear

I have to come to the point about foreign hostages Actually I did want to elaborate it But since my friend has intervenes, I want to clarify our position on the point Otherwise I would have liked to put emphasis on other points

MR SPEAKER In order to help you I am not deliberately disclosing the time that is available to you'

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : For the information of the House I would like to ask this question. How many innocent people have been killed during the last 50 years only because of the skillful handling of our Indian Government? I do not say that they were not skillful. They were having skill. Then we will weigh the situation as to actually where that skill was used - in killing more people or in saving the lives of the people. We will have to look into that. How many visitors have been killed there? How much amount has been spent? Just now somebody said that one lakh crore of rupees have been spent over Kashmir. I would like to know that particular figure - how much amount we have spent during the last 50 years or during the last few years. Some information is needed on this. What is the utility of all these things? What development has been done in J&K? What are the industries and so many other things that we have provided to the local people there? Are they self-sufficient? Can they earn their own bread and butter? Can they have two square meals a day? Or should they be dependent upon somebody? We are giving them rice at Rs 2 a kilo whereas in the entire country we are giving this rice at not less than Rs.8 a kilo We are giving them sugar at the rate of Rs.2 a kilo, I am told It may be wrong We are really subsidising so much for those people It is a good thing, there is nothing wrong in this ..*(Interruptions)* Before I complete, please do not interrupt me Let me complete.

I would like to know today what is the population of J&K How many people have been added into the population from among the foreigners? I consider Pakistan as a foreign land to our country. I do not know what is the impression of the Government about that.

[Translation]

SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : It is not available for Rs. 2 a kg

[English]

SHRI P.C CHACKO (Mukundapuram) This is a deliberate BJP-Shiv Sena campaign.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR This is not a deliberate campaign of Shiv Sena. I know that I am proud of the stand of Shiv Sena, let me say this very frankly. If you are proud of yourself, I am proud of myself.

SHRI P.C CHACKO . Why do you not understand the basic facts? This is all distorting the facts

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR . I am not giving any distorted picture

MR. SPEAKER : The Government will reply.

SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR : If you are not proud of your own self, then I have nothing to say. I do not wish to add anything to that. I am asking this for my information-sake. There is nothing wrong if I do not know anything. I am not having any authentic infromation. I am not making any authentic statement. This is a piece of information which I have collected and which may be wrong also because I do not have authentic information.

I have visited Jammu once or twice I have seen the plight of the people there. Just now, somebody said that four lakh people are staying in the sand. Shri Mukherjee or somebody said that if you want to see the plight of those rose-like children, you go to the sand there and see the kind of life they are leading What was the crime committed by them? The only crime was that they are Hindus, they have been staying in Kashmir and because of that they are refugees in their own country *(Interruptions)* Listen to me So many Muslims are also there so many Sardarjis are also there *(Interruptions)* I am not saying that I am coming to that When he says 'rose-like children', rose-like children belong to all communities, not to a particular community but what is the plight of their life and who is responsible for that? We will have to find that out We have not taken timely action

When we say that it is an intergral part of our country, then, why should we compromise our people? Why was land surrendered? A couple of months before, Shri Narasimha Rao, our former Prime Minister said that now our struggle our battle will be for 'Azad' Kashmir and not for Kashmir I was really happy to note But instead of struggling for 'Azad' Kashmir we are struggling for our own Kashmir today That is the unfortunate plight of our life

Many foreign tourists come there They have been abducted and they are under arrest I do not know as to how long will this affect the prestige of our country Those persons have come as tourists ans have been abducted by those people and they are under arrest We cannot just get them released because that is the strength that our country has got What impression will the foreigners carry about our country? Only the Government knows that

The only peoblem, after going through all this is, whether our Government is capable of saving the lives of Kashmiris and the Jammu people All the extremists are coming in, walking into the country and killing the people This Government should declare that it does not possess the capacity and strength to protect our own people. Otherwise, let them declare, 'Yes, at any cost, we will not allow a single life to go. Let anyone come'. Are we going to compromise with such extremist people? What are their activities? What are they doing?

I was told - I collected the information - that our military and BSF are the people who say, "We do not have the instructions to kill the people. In case of any extremism, if they have been killed, they will ask, 'why were they killed?', and if they are not killed, they will ask, 'why have you not taken any action?'" This kind of a policy will not serve any purpose. This Government has to adopt some fixed policy Take some firm decision We welcome the elections but at the same time the Government should have the determination that within a stipulated period we shall see that the problem of Jammu and Kashmir is solved permanently We should march forward to vacate the place, which they have forcibly occupied, that is *'Azad'* Kashmir. When are we going to free that part-of land from the clutches of the Pakistanis? That decision, this Government should take, if not today tomorrow But before that, let us protect entire Jammu and Kashmir That is all

18.50 hrs.

SHRI E AHAMED (Manjeri) : Mr. Speaker Sir, I stand to support the Statutory Resolution moved by the Prime Minister for extending the President's Rule in Kashmir

Sir, in this House, I think this is the fourth or fifth time I have been supporting this Motion I had been supporting the Motions moved by the then Home Minister S B Chavan Last time S B Chavan said that it was the last time that he moved the Resolution Yes it was his last time and I hope the present Prime Minister will also have no occasion to move for another extension in this House and I hope the election will be held in due time

At the outset, I congratulate the hon Prime Minister who has toured Srinagar which has given the most positive publicity for our country in the international media I have got some of the papers and one paper I have is *'The International Tribune'* which has given the photo of the Prime Minister visiting Kashmir and they have also mentioned India s Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda visiting Srinagar the embattled capital of Kashmir He is the first Prime Minister to visit Srinagar since 1989" This is one positive propaganda in the international media that our country could get despite the adverse propaganda, adverse publicity and adverse campaign by the interested elements against our country I would like to say only one thing Whenever we speak about Kashmir, all of us should be a little bit cautions and we should also restrain ourselves

There are moves by the international forces in the name of Kashmir helping Pakistan and the people alike them to destabilise our country and we should not play into the hands of those enemies of our country or those who want to destabilise our country. I do not know why some of our people are still communalising the Kashmir issue as a Hindu-Muslim issue. Is it a Hindu-Muslim issue? No. If say that it is a Hindu-Muslim issue, you are only helping the enemies of this country.

Sir, I have had occasions to represent and to defend this great country in the United Nations for four times consecutively and many times in the international fora. Many Islamic countries are compelled to believe taking this issue as a Hindu-Mulslim issue which is going against interest of our country ...*(Interruptions)* Please sit down. You can ask the question after my speech. It was my duty as an Indian and also as a member of the minority community, to say that it is not a Hindu-Muslim issue. It is a question of the integrity of our country and it is the unity of our country as well and even if there are people who would not so, I am very sorry for that. Do you think that the people of Kashmir can be won over to bullets? No, you can only win over them by means of ballots and our reconciliation with them. Unitl recently we had only the soil of Kashmir but not the soul of Kashmir But the soul is returning towards us That was the result of the election The Members including Mr. Sharma have been returned to Parliament, to this House But still we are talking on the same lines Is it possible I am sorry to hear the speech made by my friend Mr Jag Mohan yesterday. What did Mr. Jag Mohan say? He made some unsavoury remarks about the tallest personality of Kashmir, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah I would even say that it was a derogatory statement I would not even hesitate to say that it was obnoxious on the part of Mr. Jag Mohan to colour Mr. Sheikh Abdullah, such a tallest personality, in that bad shape What did he think about Mr Sheikh Abdullah? But for Sheikh Abdullah, should there have been the Instrument of Accession with India? Was he not the man who played a key rely in it? And I would even quote some of the papers here It is my duty to defend the man who is not living with us. It is the duty of every Indian to defend the man who stood with India who stood for secularism and who stood for Hindu Muslim harmony *(Interruptions)* Please listen to me I have been sitting here. I have with me the publication called 'Eminent Parliamentarians Monograph Series, Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah, Lok Sabha Secretariat In one of the articles that was written by Prof Rasheeduddin Khan who is a moderate and a well known scholar-like figure, he said this and I quote

> "Accession to India by the Maharajah was more an act of compulsion due to the belligerency shown by Pakistan, than an act reflecting either his conviction, patriotism or foresight. On the contrary it was Sheikh Sahib's consistent stand that British colonialism, Dogra feudal oppression and Muslim separatism from the national mainstream, are the three main and inter-linked enemies of the people of Jammu and Kashmir."

That is the result. I am now coming to Mr. Mehar Chand Maharajah who was a great friend of Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. ...*(Interruptions)* Please bear with me Mr. Mehar Chand Maharajah was the Prime Minister of Kashmir for a long time. He has written a book. The name of the book is, I remember, 'Looking Back'. In that book, he has referred to the role of Sheikh Sahib. What he said was, Mr. Mehar Chand Maharajah and Maharajah Hari Singh went to see the Prime Minister of India, Shri Jawaharlal Nehru and asked the support of Jawaharlal Nehru to send army to intervene against the Pakistanis Panditji was a little bit hesitant because of the international niceties Then in the next room, Sheikh Sahib was there Sheikh Sahib wrote a note and sent to Panditji. He had said, "You act immediately" That is what he had said.

I may be permitted to quote further from the same book because I am duty bound to bring this information to the notice of this august House. This was written by Dr. Sushila Nayar, on 'Sheikh Abdullah - Sher-E-Kashmir' It has been published by the Parliament Secretariat. This is what Dr. Sushila Nayar said and I quote

> "I was present when Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru came to Gandhiji to seek his advice Gandhiji asked him whether the people of Kashmir had also agreed to the accession and asked for India's intervention. Nehru said, yes, the National Conference and Sheikh Abdullah, its leader, had also asked for India's help and had accepted accession to India to get that help. Gandhiji was a believer in non-violence. He told Nehru, "You know my way of thinking. But that is not your way. As head of the Government, you must send the necessary help to Jammu and Kashmir." On 27th October, 1947, the Maharajah accordingly signed the Instrument of Accession and on the same day Indian troops were air-lifted to Srinagar."

Is it not Sheikh Abdullah Sahib's stand? ...*(Interruptions)* I hope that the hon. Prime Minister will allow me some more time to speak.

MR. SPEAKER : No. Please conclude now.

SHRI E. AHAMED (Manjeri) : I am concluding. Just on one more point I want to speak.

In the same way, Gandhiji had also said. Shri Jagmohan has made some unsavory statement yesterday. ...*(Interruptions)* I know what he said yesterday In the same book, I quote it is said :

> "Deeply impressed by this great achievement of the people of the State Gandhiji observed in his prayer speech on 1st November, 1947
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> Sheikh Abdullah represents non-Muslims as well as Muslims It is on the Kashmir soil that Islam and Hinduism are being weighed If both pull their weight correctly and in the same direction the chief actors will cover themselves with glory My sole hope and prayer is that Kashmir should become a beacon light to this benighted sub-continent"

This is what Gandhiji had said May I ask Shri Jagmohan, were you not the Governor of Kashmir in 1984? Your dismissal of a duly elected Government was the watershed in worsening the situation in Kashmir I would say to Shri Jagmohan that the migration of Kashmiri pundits had taken place when he was the Governor for the second time Were you not responsible for the repression I would like to know the number of the massacred innocent Kashmiri people during his Governorship

19.00 hrs.

And he is coming here and saying We are giving them 100 percent assistance from Plan funds and 60 percent from Non-Plan funds Do you think that Kashmiris can be purchased by giving them financial assistance? Do you think they can be enslaved? Are they not the people with self-respect? Are they not having *Kashmiriat*? They have their self-respect as much as the Tamilians have the Andhrites have, the Keralites have the Assamese have The people in this country have self-respect There is unity in diversity The people of Kashmir say We want autonomy We want self-respect They want Kashmiriat We are to respect their feelings Why do you love them?

Mr Jag Mohan and other people should think that Kashmir can be won by compassion, love and affection. The people of Kashmir stood by India like a rock. Therefore, you cannot forget that Whoever speaks about Kashmir, he must always bear in mind that Kashmir is not a communal issue. Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of this country. Everybody in this country, irrespective of religion, region and caste, whether he is a Hindu or Muslim or a Christian, will stand for that...*(Interruptions)* Mr. Prime Minister, this country will be with you on Kashmir. *(Interruptions)* I am wishing you all the best Thank you very much.

SHRI JAG MOHAN (New Delhi) : Sir, my name has been mentioned I would like to make the point very clear. What he is quoting is his opinion. What I quoted was from the documents. *(Interruptions)* Before I speak, they know what I am going to speak So the truth is bitter. They will never be able to swallow it The issue is that I quoted the documents of 1948 which are recorded contemporaneously about the attitude of Sheikh Abdullah in 1952-53.

MR SPEAKER . I think, you have made your point

SHRI JAG MOHAN No Please let me remind him about Adlai Stevensen Papers St. Leoy Henderson reports and other documents. Does he mean that in 1953 Panditji imprisoned him without Sheikh's conspiracy? Was he not looked in Kashmir conspiracy? What have all the cases shown? Was this Plebiscite Front Organisation? Who organised it? I should tell him E Ahamed that it was Sheikh's compulsion because Jinnah and others never wanted Mr Sheikh Abdullah Therefore he had come here

In 1946 Mr Jinnah had given the clear signals to Chaudhury Ghulam Abbass Hussain and said He is your leader and not Mr Sheikh Abdullah Mr Sheikh Abdullah knew that he had no future in Kashmir He did it because of his own circumstances I would remind him what Panditji wrote Mr Sheikh Abdullah himself had written a book about Panditji He says Panditji was like an *Arya Samaji* He was like this

I have quoted the full text He is misrepresenting the facts I have quoted the documents I have quoted the United States' Papers I would say whatever it means *(Interruptions)* He has proved where the problem lies These are the people who have created the problems *(Interruptions)*

MR SPEAKER Two minutes please

(Interruptions)

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL (Ernakulam) Sir, I do not beg for time

MR SPEAKER I know I did not get a slip that you wanted to speak You have just come You gave me a slip just now That is why I am saying that Had

I got a slip from you, I would have given you the time. But I am going out of the way of allow you. It is not a question of begging. Do not say like that.

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for allowing me to say a few words in a few minutes.

Sir, for your information I would like to say that I am an independent Member. We have had very lengthy discussion on this very subject. The whole country is looking at us as to what we are going to do with this problem. Sir, you may remember that Mr. Jagmohan was referring to Article 370 in his speech but I was looking at the President's address of 26th May, that is, their own policy. They referred to Jammu and Kashmir in paragraph 14. There is no word about Article 370 in that President's Address. This is the greatest hypocrisy and deceit as far as BJP is concerned.

Secondly, Mr. Jag Mohan was telling to the House about one more point. Under Article 370, Jammu and Kashmir indulges in corruption, nepotism and maladministration. May I ask him one question? What were you doing for the last six years when you were the Governor of that State?...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAG MOHAN : I prevented that totally.. *(Interruptions)* . You asked me a question and I am giving you the reply You see the documents of that period...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Why are you disturbing me? Sir, you were here in the House.. *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Why don't you listen to me? This is a serious matter. Let us find out a national solution to this. Why do you indulge in allegations and counter allegations? We are no going to get a solution in this fashion. Let us be constructive in a debate like this.

MR. XAVIER ARAKAL : Mr Speaker Sir, thank you for your constructive instruction. I hope all the Members will be following that direction.

We had Lok Sabha elections there. What was the verdict? Seventy to eighty percent of the people had cast their votes What for? Can the hon. Members of Opposition explain it? What is the desire of that part of the people of Jammu and Kashmir? Why did they cast their vote? For the last seven years, we did not have a democratic Government there They were opposing election. He referred to the innocent killings, murders, etc What happened in the streets of Bombay? There also innocent people were shot down. What for? Anywhere in India, a drop of blood of a human being, a citizen, is our own blood. That belongs to you and me How many widows are weeping, Sir? Are you to find a solution to that problem or not? ...*(Interruptions)*... That is why, we said that autonomy should be given to Jammu and Kashmir. The hon Member referred to the Instrument of Accession of 26th October, 1947. What does it say, Sir? Basically, three points were there, that is, external affairs, defence and communications. Are they not entitled to some sort of autonomy based on that sacred document and covenant? Will the Opposition object to a sacred document which has spelt out three basic conditions for the joining of the Union of India? What is wrong in that? Now, some Members were saying that they did not go for that agreement. Are we going to march to Pakistan annulling 1947 Agreement? Are we going to march to Bangladesh? Is that your philosophy? Every document executed by the Government after 1947 is sacred. It is a monument and we respect it. That is how we say that autonomy should be given to them.

The hon. Member was saying that the question of autonomy should be decided and spelt out in this very House.

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chapra) : Does autonomy mean the separation of this country?

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : You please wait. Maybe, you are a new Member.

Sir, there is another very important point. Shri George Fernandes in 1988 said...*(Interruptions)* that the real problem of Jammu and Kashmir was the alienation of the people of that State from the rest of the India Who did that? The then Governor B.K. Nehru said that there should be a dialogue between the people of India and Kashmir. He refused to bend under the instructions of the Central Government at that time. But somebody took that dirty job and dismissed Shri Farooq Abdulla Why did you do that? Now, you profess that the power to exercise article 356 should be curtailed. What is your morality to say that? What right have you got to say so when you yourselves have indulged in such sort of an action? Is it not the inmorality of the BJP?...*(Interruptions)*

[Translation]

SHRI JAG MOHAN (New Delhi) . It is totally incorrect.

SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH (Seoni) What is the use of talking like this. It will convey wrong message to the people.

[English]

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : That is why I say that there should be a meaningful dialogue with the people of Jammu and Kashmir...*(Interruptions)* The hon Prime Minister has said that there would be

elections in Jammu and Kashmir in the month of either September or October.

SHRI JAG MOHAN : Sir, he is taking of...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Sir, this process of a dialogue between the people of Kashmir and the rest of India should be started.

I take another objection to what some hon. Members say. There should not be any identity, any nationality as far as India is concerned. That is wrong. India is full of nationalities, cultures, Sub-culturers. Unity cannot be achieved in all respects. No, it is not possible.

Therefore, I submit that this Resolution extending the period of President's Rule is a welcome move. Simultaneously, real and concrete steps should be taken for initiating a meaningful dialogue, based on understanding and assimilation of the will and desire of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, with the rest of India without delay.

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI H.D DEVE GOWDA) . Respected Mr Speaker, Sir, while moving the Resolution for the extension of President's Rule for a short period, even though it has been mentioned in the Motion 'for six months', I assured the House, while moving the Motion for consideration of this august House, the elections would be held either in September or in the first week of October

Sir, I heard the former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and the hon. Member of this House who spoke about several events of the past history We have come to the stage of handing over the State to its elected representatives Debating on the past history starting from 1958 to what happened till 1996 is not going to bring any peace in the State of Jammu and Kashmir. It is only a futile exercise, an exercise of showing our talents as to who knows better about the past events That is not going to bring any solution. I do not want to deliberate particularly about the past events

This is the first time that I visited Kashmir I have never been to Kashmir earlier, let me be very plain and frank When I decided to go to Kashmir last time on night of my journey the Emergency was declared I then cancelled my air-ticket and went back to Bangalore

During my visit I tried to meet a cross section of people My purpose of visit was to have a spot study of the natural calamity and to discuss with the officers about the quantum of loss caused by the floods At the same time, I had given indication to the officers and the Governor that I was equally anxious to meet all political party leaders, if they really wanted to meet me. There was no special invitation offered to them. Sir, I am happy to inform the House that all political parties, including the National Conference, collectively met me and their unanimous demand was that early election should be held in Jammu and Kashmir. Of course, one of the political parties did try to impress upon me on this autonomy factor. In the same meeting where all the political parties were represented including the BJP, they all agreed that the question of autonomy which is mentioned in the Common Minimum Programme of the United Front should not be discussed at that stage.

Let us first go to eletion We want early peace We do not want to allow the neighbouring country to again play with the lives of the people of Kashmir I would like to mention what they said They said, "We are a part and parcel of this country We are an integral part of this country We do not want to again give scope to the external forces to spoil the atmosphere here"

Sir, there are some forces which tried to propagate and present a distorted picture to various other countries that the parliamentary election that was held in Jammu and Kashmir was not free and fair They want to create this impression in the international world I would like to compliment the previous Government and its decision to held the election even when some of the political parties wanted to boycott them It is one of the best decisions that they had taken I must compliment the people of Kashmir and at the same time I must also compliment the administrative machinery and the Army people who created a congenial atmosphere for a heavy turnout at the polling booths I do not think any sensible man can call this election a farce or an election that was not free and fair

Sir, I would like to inform the whole world, through this House, a propaganda being made by the divisive forces that it was only a manipulated election I would say that it was not so

Sir, in Baramulla Parliamentary constituency, the turn-out was 46 63 percent. In Srinagar Parliamentary constituency, the turn-out was 41 percent In Jammu Parliamentary constituency, the turn-out was 48 percent. In Ladakh Parliamentary constituency the turn-out was 83.26 percent In Anantnag Parliamentary constituency, the turn-out was about 51 14 percent In Udhampur Parliamentary constituency, the turn-out was 53 per cent This is a clear indication to the whole world that people want their own Government today Let us have a frank analysis of all these things

I would like to ask a very senior Leader and a former Governor - for whom I have got a great respect

- what happened in Gujarat. In Gujarat, in the last Parliamentary election, the polling was hardly 39 per cent. But here is a case where, in no Parliamentary constituency, the polling was less than 42 per cent or 45 per cent. This itself is a clear indication that the people want their own Government. So, we wanted that election to the State Assembly is held as early as possible. I am not interested in who is going to win, which Party is going to participate, and what will be the type of combination. Let me be very plain on this issue. Whether you are going to win or the Congress is going to win or the Janata Dal is going to win, that is not my concern My concern is that elections must be held and the power should go to the people. Then, the question of autonomy will be discussed with the elected representatives. That is the right method. With whom should the Central Government discuss now? I cannot act according to the taste of individual political Parties. The Central Government will discuss about the quantum of autonomy and some other allied issues with those people who get the people's mandate. You know how they felt during the discussion which they have had with me. Your own Party Leaders were there. When I was discussing with them, they started telling me so many things viz . how they have been treated on the developmental side and so on. I will tell you that they have realised today the amount of sufferings the common man had to undergo who used to earn his bread through tourism. Today, the common men are in the streets. They are jobless. Their living conditions are very bad. They have honestly realised that they want normalcy. They want to go back to the old Kashmir. It has got its own pride. People want such an atmosphere. The railway-line from Udhampur to Jammu, the power projects and so many other projects have been stopped due to various reasons

Sir, this Government is prepared to give maximum weightage to see that the people should feel that this Central Government is not going to discriminate, so far as Kashmir is concerned Whatever may be the financial constraint, I am going to start this process I tell you very frankly I have given this assurance

SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA At the same time there should be no discrimination between Ladakh and Leh

SHRI H D DEVE GOWDA All right there is no question of discrimination between Jammu and the Valley or the Hindu Pandits and the Muslims They have been like one family I was astonished and happy to hear. I do not want to claim that I know everything about the culture of the Kashmiri people, how they have come up The Muslims today have stopped eating beef. They treat the cow as a sacred animal. That is the tradition. Hindus will not eat pork. They themselves have said this in my presence I am so much amazed. I will tell you how they have come up. Do you know, we have destroyed the culture, the old tradition and the bondage between the two communities, we mean, the politicians. I do not want to go back to the past. I only promised this august House that I will try my best to have free and fair elections This is all what they want.

So far as the omission and commissions in the electoral process i.e in the voting list etc., are concerned, I have told the Governor, the Chief Secretary and other officers to see that proper media coverage is given in the electronic media as well as the newspapers, etc., requesting those people who have not registered their names in the voters list to take advantage of this opportunity and get themselves registered I asked the Governor to get two or three lakh more forms printed and given to various political parties

Some of the militant youths have approached me. They are also prepared to participate in the elections and they tried to explain certain problems. Of course, when they met me, the Governor was also there with me, there was no question of any secret meeting. I asked the Governor to sit by my side I told them to first go before the people, show their sincerity to the people and if the people voted for them, then they will also be called for discussion as far as autonomy and other issues are concerned

There is a change of hearts. Even some of the youths, who were earlier misled by the neighbouring country, have realised this and wanted to see that they should cooperate for normalcy in the entire Jammu & Kashmir State.

In certain areas certain omissions and commissions are there about contituencies etc All these things are there I cannot set right all these things before September It will take time and that is why let us hold the election as it is.

Later on, in subsequent years, when the elections are going to be held, all these things can be looked into by the coming elected Government Sir, as I have already promised, I will write to the Election Commission It is they who have to fix the date The Government of India will make all necessary arrangements We will make security arrangements for Doda District or any other disturbed area We will give maximum protection and will see there is a heavy turn-out in the coming election

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) How will you ensure the migrated persons to vote?

SHRI H D DEVE GOWDA : This issue was raised in the meeting of all senior leaders of Parties

including Shri Vajpayee. I am telling you there are about 96,000 voters. This time, in the Parliamentary election, about 30,000 people have voted. There were some confusions at that time as to who was to certify that they were the migrants. We have also simplified the postal votes. There will be no question of any hurdle. We have simplified and everybody who wants to vote through postal ballots, will be accommodated. There will be no question of any problem even for those people.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : Unless you give them a chance, how will they vote? For example, they are sitting in Delhi. They cannot go to Kashmir Valley to fill up the forms for the inclusion of their names. You have to do two things. You give them the option in Delhi. They may fill up the form and you get it verified. That is number one. The postal ballot will not serve the purpose. Why do you not create polling booths for them in Delhi or Calcutta or Chandigarh or wherever they are? Let them go and cast their votes Out of 93,000 only 23,000 cast their votes.

SHRI H.D DEVE GOWDA : Where to create the polling booths, how many polling booths, in which area whether it is outside India or outside Kashmir, those are left to the wisdom of the Election Commission. It is not for me to say Your point also will be well-taken. I am not going to argue It is left to the Election Commission so far as creating the polling booths outside Kashmir or inside Kashmir is concerned I cannot encroach upon the rights of the Election Commission I would only make a suggestion

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN : We want their involvement in the election and also a free and fair election

MR. SPEAKER The Prime Minister has well-taken the point

SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN (Tripura East) : You can conduct first round in Delhi, second round in Jamu and the third round postal ballot in Srinagar We would very much like to have the election on that method.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) That you know it much better You have gone by that method. Kindly take the House into confidence about your talks with the militants also You have said it on the floor of the House that you have talked to the militants Which were the militant groups that had talked to you? What were the talks? You have talked to the militants but you have not talked to the families affected by terrorists Coming from the Prime Minister that he had a meeting with them is a very serious matter Please take the House into confidence

SHRI H.D. DEVE GOWDA : I cannot talk to the individual families.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : But you haved talked to the militants. What was the talk? What was the issue?

SHRI H.D DEVE GOWDA : At least you must appreciate that ater nine years, a Prime Minister has taken the courage to go there.

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : We appreciate that.

MR. SPEAKER : I think it is already 7.30 p.m. It is enough

SHRI SATYA PAL JAIN (Chandigarh) : You are talking about autonomy What do you mean by autonomy?

SHRI E AHAMED (Manjeri) : Whatever autonomy will be given, it will be within the framework of the Constitution

MR SPEAKER I do not think we have to go into all these details

SHRI H.D DEVE GOWDA I only assure this august House including our friends on the other side that I will try my best to have a free and fair election and I will take steps to hold the elections in the month of September if possible, or in the first week of October With this assurance, I request all of them to give their unanimous support for the Resolution

MR SPEAKER I shall now put the Resolution regarding approval of the continuance in force of the proclamation dated the 18th July, 1990 in respect of Jammu & Kashmir, issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President, for a further period of six months with effect from the 18th July, 1996, moved by the Prime Minister, to the vote of the House

The question is

> "That this House approves the continuance in force of the proclamation dated the 18th July, 1990 in respect of Jammu & Kashmir, issued under article 356 of the Constitution by the President, for a further period of six months with effect from the 18th July, 1996"

The motion was adopted

19.35 hrs.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY-GENERAL LOK SABHA

MR SPEAKER Hon Members I have one announcement to make Hon Members may be aware that in 1990 a Committee of eminent parliamentarians